

DIXIE LEADER'S DAUGHTER DIES IN WASHINGTON

Nannie R. Heth, Prominent in Patriotic Work For Many Years.

STARTED SOUTHERN RELIEF SOCIETY

Funeral at Epiphany Church in Charge of Organization She Founded.

Miss Nannie Randolph Heth, daughter of Gen. Heth of the Confederate army, and president of the Southern Relief Society for eighteen years died last night at her home, 1224 I street northwest, following an illness of several months. Miss Heth was 53 years old.

Here Many Years.

Miss Heth had made her home here for many years and had always taken an active part in patriotic organization activities. She was one of the organizers of the Southern Relief Society and was instrumental in gaining a home for the organization at 2103 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. She was also a member of the Colonial Dames, serving as treasurer of the local chapter; the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Confederacy. Miss Heth maintained her membership in the latter organization at Richmond, Va.

Miss Heth was born on the Northwood Estate in Powhatan County, Va., September 6, 1867, and spent her childhood in Richmond, Va., where she was educated in Miss Gordon's school. She came to Washington shortly after leaving this school.

Funeral services will be held in the Church of the Epiphany tomorrow according to temporary plans arranged last night. The Southern Relief Society will be in charge and burial will be at Richmond. Miss Heth is survived by an uncle, Stockton Heth, of Virginia; an aunt, Mrs. T. H. Rodman, of New York City; and John Selden, of Washington. Mrs. E. H. Marshall, of Virginia; and John Selden, of Washington. Mrs. E. H. Marshall, of Virginia; and John Selden, of Washington.

ANSELL ATTACKS PLUCKING BOARD IN ARMY SYSTEM

Says Baker Uses Means To Hurt Hundreds Of Officers.

Appearing before the House Military Affairs Committee yesterday, S. P. Ansell, former acting Judge Advocate General of the Army, accused Secretary of War Baker of setting up an iniquitous system of reclassification under the army reorganization act that has resulted in the disqualification and discharge of hundreds of good officers.

The witness supported practically all the charges made by Representative Caldwell, of New York, that personal prejudices in the War Department had been responsible for the mistreatment of the regular army men which precipitated the inquiry. One of the worst evils of the system that is employed, Ansell said, is the virtual denial of full and free access to the records of "accused officers," he asserted, "are compelled to go on trial without introducing their full records and the War Department refuses to permit counsel for them to see the full records. They explain that it is their policy not to permit the records to be examined until the court of inquiry convenes and then we are given only the black marks against these men. We get nothing favorable on which to draft a brief or defense."

FIRE CHECKS URGED FOR WALTER REED

The House Rules Committee yesterday, following hearings on the McLeod resolution asking for a Congressional investigation of the fatal fire at Walter Reed Hospital, decided to ask the District Commissioners and the hospital authorities to co-operate in a movement to protect the building from danger of future fires.

Col. J. D. Glennan, commandant at Walter Reed, told the committee that he has asked the construction quartermaster for recommendations as to how the danger of fire in the barracks can be decreased, and that he will act upon the recommendations as soon as received.

It is not expected that the Rules Committee will ask for a Congressional investigation of the recent fire, as provided in the McLeod bill, but that the hearings before the committee will be construed as an investigation.

The committee feels, it was said, that the District Commissioners and the hospital authorities will arrange, as a result of the hearings, for the installation of additional fire plugs and fire alarm boxes.

GIVE UNITED DRIVE MILLIONS TO EUROPE RELIEF, ASK K. C.

Directors Vote to Transfer \$500,000 Share. Urge Allied Groups to Follow Suit.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The undistributed balance of the United War Fund, about \$5,000,000, should be turned over to the European Relief Council headed by Herbert Hoover, the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus declared in a statement issued following their meeting here today.

The Knights were one of seven welfare organizations benefited by the fund. The directors voted today to transfer the organization's title and claim upon their portion of the fund—about \$500,000—to the European Relief Council, recommending that other organizations having claims upon the fund take similar action.

"The fund was collected by seven welfare organizations and should be disposed of by all of them acting in concert," Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty declared. "The objects for which the fund was raised have ceased to exist and the European Relief Council's work seems to be the sanest and most charitable object for the use of the undistributed balance. There should be no legal difficulty if the Secretaries of War and of the Navy and the President direct this action."

Violins of Masters, Valued At \$130,000 In Estate Here

Partello, District Collector, Left Rich Treasure, Appraiser's Report Reveals.

Appraiser C. J. James and his assistant, Melvin Marks, of the office of the register of wills, who investigated properties totalling \$16,000,000 last year, have just completed an appraisal of the art objects left by the late Dwight J. Partello, widely known collector and connoisseur of art.

Partello, who died last August, possessed a remarkable and valuable collection of old violins. Among the collection, which is valued at \$130,000, is an Antonio Stradivari, once the property of the Duke of Edinburgh, dated 1722 and valued at \$15,000.

Others are a Nicholas Gagliano, dated 1762 and valued at \$2,000; an Andreas Guarnerius, dated 1674, also once owned by the Duke of Edinburgh, valued at \$2,500; a three-fourth size Jacob Steiner, dated 1605, valued at \$1,200; an Antonio Strad, dated 1690, valued at \$8,000; a Ludwig Strad, dated 1722-24, valued at \$9,000; a Spanish Strad, dated 1723, valued at \$15,000; a Francisco Ruggieri, dated 1634 and valued at \$2,000; a Nicholas Amati-Spagnanetti, dated 1682 and valued at \$6,000; an Irish Amati, dated 1648 and valued at \$7,000; a Nicholas Amati, dated 1666 and valued at \$4,000.

Also a Lord Palmouth Carlo-Bergonzi, dated 1733, valued at \$9,000; a Jacob Steiner, dated 1673, valued at \$1,125; a John Baptiste Rogierius, dated 1667, valued at \$2,750; a Nicholas Lupote Strad model, dated 1810, valued at \$1,200; a Nicholas Lupote Pietras Guarnerius model, dated 1806, valued at \$1,000; an Antonio Strad, also once the property of the Duke of Edinburgh, valued at \$15,000, dated 1722. There were also many other old and rare violins.

Partello also owned a fine and valuable collection of violin bows. One of these bows, a Tourte, was used by the immortal violinist, Paganini. Another of them was used by the gypsy violinist who eloped with Clara Ward (Princess Chimay). Another of the Tourte bows was once owned by the Duke of Edinburgh, having been presented to him by Gladstone.

The Paganini bow is valued at \$1,000. In the art collection is a jewel casket presented to Partello by Nicholas I. late Czar of Russia, for his services in locating a valuable Strad that had been stolen from the imperial collection. It is valued at \$1,000.

The collection also contains pictures and paintings assessed at \$10,000 and rugs valued at \$2,000.

Many of the violins, violas and bows will repose in the National Museum here shortly.

ABANDON MAR. 4 CELEBRATIONS, HARDING ASKS

All plans for an inaugural celebration when Warren G. Harding takes office March 4 have been called off.

In response to a request from Senator Harding at Marion last night, Chairman Edward B. McLean, of the general inaugural committee here, declared that he and his associates were "with him (Harding) in this matter."

"I beg respectfully to suggest to your committee the complete abandonment of all plans for an inaugural celebration," wired the President-elect.

He added that he wished the committee to know "that the impression of extravagant expenditure and excessive cost would make me a very unhappy participant."

Canada Gets New Settlers.

It is estimated that the immigration movement to Canada will be responsible this year for nearly 200,000 newcomers, these being largely from Great Britain and the United States. Canada's high water mark, in immigration was reached in 1913, when 492,436 persons entered the dominion. The first six months of the present fiscal year saw the entry of 95,000 immigrants, which shows an increase of 38 per cent over the same period in the previous year.

Fleet Bases Site Not Selected.

Emphatic denial that Alameda or any other site has yet been selected for a great naval base for the Pacific was made yesterday by Representative Britten, of Illinois. Britten is chairman of the House committee of the joint House and Senate committee which is selecting the fleet base at San Francisco and other minor naval bases along the Pacific coast.

'What's What In Science' New Herald Feature

THE HERALD every day publishes a brand-new feature: "Scientific Notes and Comment."

Designed to present accurately the news of scientific discovery and their work, this department will cover a wide scope of interesting science to the scientist and the layman.

Did you know, for instance, that a scientist discovered, on French battlefields, that fowls scorn live grasshoppers when insects roasted by shell-fire were obtainable? You will find the department, "Scientific Notes and Comment," on

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FIRE DESTROYS CENSUS DATA OF 120 YEARS

Irreparable Records Are Ruined by Smoke And Water.

FUMES OVERCOME TWO FIREFIGHTERS

Blaze Confined to Basement of Commerce Building.

Water-soaked and illegible, millions of priceless records of the Census Bureau are under water this morning in what was yesterday a "fireproof" cellar vault, following a fire in the basement of the Department of Commerce Building, Pennsylvania avenue and Nineteenth street northwest, shortly before 7 o'clock last night.

Two firemen—Frank Newman, Truck 3, living at 212a Morgan street northwest, and William G. Parater, Engine 23, whose home is at 317 D street southeast—were overcome in braving the dense smoke and by leaking gas in the cellar. Both responded quickly to treatment at Emergency Hospital.

The blaze was confined to the basement, but clouds of thick smoke found ready drafts through the elevator shafts and stairways of the building, and left its marks in every office. It is believed to have originated in the carpenter shop in the basement of the building. Three alarms and a general local call were turned in.

Census Records in Cellar.

Adjoining the carpenter shop in the cellar is a "vault," 100 by 45 feet, containing the nation's irreplaceable census records of the first thirteen censuses, dating from 1790 to 1910. The 1920 data, with the exception of that dealing with manufactures, mines and quarries, at present on the premises of the building, is still housed in the temporary building at Sixth and B streets southwest.

E. M. Chancellor, an employe working on the fifth floor, shortly after 6:30 o'clock noticed smoke issuing from the elevator shaft. Realizing its significance he turned in the first alarm. Two more alarms in quick succession brought all of the downtown fire-fighters and apparatus to the building.

Smoke Clouds Hamper Firemen.

Twenty streams of water were poured into the building, checking the blaze, but hampering the firemen with dense clouds of smoke. Closely packed files of original census papers, a smudge rolling out of the windows of the basement and lower five floors. A laboratory on the first floor directly over the seat of the blaze, in which are actually burning, the delicate enumerating and card-punching system, escaped damage.

A combination of escaping gas and smoke fumes forced the firemen to seek relief in the open air. Frank Newman, who remained in the vault until he had to be carried out, has already shown his grit in his chosen profession. He was recently awarded a medal, being named by the District Commissioners as the bravest fireman on the force. One of Newman's recent feats was bringing to safety the body of a man, widow of the former Minister of Nicaragua, who was trapped in the Hotel Everett blaze.

Records Ruined By Water.

T. J. Fitzgerald, chief clerk of the Census Bureau, stated that it was unlikely that the records had been actually burned, but that much of the valuable and original data collected by the bureau during the past 120 years had been rendered worthless by water and smoke.

The 1890 census, which was the most detailed and voluminous of any of the fourteen censuses taken by the government, was placed in such a position in the vault to be first in the path of the firemen. They contained detailed data on the country's 85,000,000 people of that time.

Records Used for Reference.

The census records were valuable principally in looking up old estates and pension claims and in tracing history and genealogy. It was said by Sam L. Rogers, director of the census, who expressed keen disappointment over loss of the records and over the fact that little attention was paid some time ago when he urged their storage in a safe place.

Water covering most of the records was ankle deep. Director Rogers said the water probably had finished the work of destruction already well begun by age. He said it had been an obvious disposition to transfer the records to the new census building, but the records of the 1920 census, in daily use on the first floor of the building, and were undamaged.

Revolutionary Data Lost.

Included in the destroyed papers are records of all families of the American Revolutionary period. Records were taken, Director Rogers said probably with the view of learning the country's military strength. As time went on the value of the census increased, and the records of the 1920 census, in daily use on the first floor of the building, and were undamaged.

The room which contained the papers is constructed almost exclusively of concrete, and was thought to have been fireproof, but Director Rogers pointed out that because of their irreparable character the papers should have been protected as thoroughly as human ingenuity could devise.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC PROVISIONS URGED BY NATIONAL BODY

Association in Session Here Wants Same Laws In All States.

Formation of uniform automobile laws for all States, featuring provisions to curb the increasing number of traffic accidents, is being considered by the National Conference on Highway Traffic Regulations in session yesterday and today at the Washington Hotel.

In the proposal contained in the original draft presented by the conference committee yesterday is the provision to revoke licenses of drivers found guilty of gross misdemeanors, such as driving while under the influence of liquor, and accidents resulting from the use of excessive speed. Revocation of licenses of all drivers convicted three times within a year for a period of a year also is provided.

Campaign Planned.

It is the plan of the conference, which represents more than thirty of the larger automobile organizations of the nation and more than 500,000 drivers, to conduct an extensive campaign in the State legislatures, forty-two of which now are in session, for the adoption of the laws outlined at this session. Adoption of the draft is expected to be made today.

Other provisions of the draft which probably will be acted favorably upon by the conference include the licensing of all drivers with a minimum age of 18 years for both male and female, registration of ownership of automobiles, as is now, in effect in Maryland, and giving of the right of way to drivers approaching on the right.

Many of the provisions are now in effect in various States, but it is the aim of the conference to place a uniform law in every State, eradicating the present inconvenience of tourists.

Drafting Committee.

The drafting committee is composed of George C. Diehl, chairman of the good roads board of the American Automobile Association, of Buffalo, N. Y.; W. H. Malthe, of the American Electric Railway Association, attorney for the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore; David B. Farley, general counsel of the Automobile Club of Southern California, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Harry Melzell, Jr., of the Motor Accessory Manufacturers' Association of New York City.

C. M. Talbert, chairman of the National Safety Council and director of streets and sewers of St. Louis, Mo., was named chairman of the conference as the organization session yesterday morning. David B. Farley, of the Automobile Club of Southern California, was named secretary, and S. J. Williams, secretary, and

Pass Duplicate of First Bill Lost in White House

The House yesterday passed the Senate concurrent resolution ordering a duplicate of the joint resolution creating a joint committee to investigate the proposed reorganization of executive departments which was lost at the White House and became a law without the President's signature.

The duplicate is needed for the records of the State Department where all laws passed by Congress are filed. This is the first time in history so far as any one has been able to learn where such an action was necessary.

The joint committee, members of which have been appointed in both the House and Senate will not meet for several days according to Senator Smoot of Utah, who is scheduled for the chairmanship of the committee.

Says Mexicans Vote In Texas Elections

Mexican laborers vote in Texas elections without having even their first naturalization papers. Representative Box, Texas, charged yesterday before the Senate Immigration Committee. Box defended Rogers, who had charged that Mexican laborers were being imported to stop quantity of immigration from Mexico.

Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner of Immigration is more interested in deportation than immigration, said Box. He said that the Immigration Commissioner of North Dakota, declared.



The Herald publishes herewith, exclusively, the first photograph to reach the United States showing the rescue of the three U. S. Navy balloonists who were lost for days in the frozen wilderness of northern Canada.

The balloonists left Rockaway, (N. Y.) air station on Dec. 12. A strong gale carried the big gas bag speedily northward. On Dec. 14 the airman decided to risk a landing and at 2 p. m. they came down in the dense wilderness just south of James Bay (see map on page 2). For four days they wandered, half frozen and hungry, through this wild, frozen country, eating caribou moss and finally killing two of their carrier pigeons for food. Then, with death one day off, they chanced upon an Indian trapper, Tom Marks, who took them to his cabin, gave them food and then led them to Moose Factory. Below the map to Moose Factory.

Above the balloonists' photograph is seen the dog team which carried the mail, and included letters to kinfolk that gave details of the aeronauts' perilous flight, and the pictures reproduced today in The Herald.

LEITER, JR., SON OF WHEAT KING, KILLED ON HUNT

Parents Accompany Body Of Ten-Year-Old Son Here for Burial.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 10.—Joseph Leiter, Jr., the 10-year-old son of Joseph Leiter, millionaire and former wheat king of Chicago and Washington, was killed this morning returning from a duck hunt to the Leiter hunting lodge at Chateau Canard, at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Word of the accident was telephoned from Chateau Canard to John Dymond, Jr., New Orleans attorney and a warm personal friend of the Leiters.

Dymond made arrangements for transporting an undertaker by a specially chartered boat nearly 100 miles down the Mississippi. The body is to be taken on a special car attached to the Louisville and Nashville train leaving New Orleans tomorrow night for Washington. Burial will be at Washington where the Leiters maintain one of their two town residences. The other is in Chicago.

Meager Details of Killing.

Details of the accident are meager. Joseph Leiter was one of a party that had been hunting in the Canard marshes this morning. The hunt was ended and the party was heading back to Chateau Canard when a gun was accidentally discharged, the charge of shot killing the boy almost instantly.

The Leiter hunting party reached New Orleans last Friday, and immediately started on the hunt.

The slain youth, son of the man who became world-famous for having cornered the Chicago wheat pit, was a grandson of Levi Z. Leiter, of Chicago, who founded the immense Leiter fortune. He was a nephew of Lady Curzon, daughter of Levi Leiter, who married Lord Curzon of England and became vicereine of India.

The boy would have inherited an estate of several millions had he grown to manhood.

Announcement of Death Here.

At the Leiter residence, 1600 New Hampshire avenue, it was said last night that only the bare announcement of the death had been received. No member of the family is in Washington at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and Joseph, Jr., left Washington last week for their annual stay at Chateau Canard, not expecting to return for three weeks or more. They will accompany the body on the trip back to Washington, it was said, telegraphing funeral arrangements in advance.

Ford Gain Now 522 Votes.

In 511 precincts in Michigan, Henry Ford has gained 522 votes over Senator Newberry in the recount of the Senatorial election, the Senate Elections Committee announced yesterday.

Woolworth Estate Set At Nearly 30 Millions

MINEOLA, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Nickels and dimes from all parts of the United States made the fortune of \$25,916,327.30 which documents filed here today showed was left by F. W. Woolworth.

More than \$25,000,000 of the estate consists of holdings in the F. W. Woolworth Company and allied business. The entire estate was left to the widow, Mrs. Jennie Woolworth.

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GUIDES VAINLY SEEK AIRMEN, RUNNER TELLS

Party Fifty Miles Down River Finds Heavy Going in Snow.

INDIANS SENT OUT FOR FOOD SUPPLY

Senator King Inquires For Facts About Balloon Trip.

AMTTCIE, Ontario, Jan. 10.—A message from runners sent over the missing trail from Mattice tonight indicated that Kloor, Farrell and Hinton are at least a day's journey from their goal.

David Sjöblom, a Cree Indian, brought the following word from W. R. Clarke, chief of the guides despatched last Thursday to seek the American balloonists.

"Fifty miles down river. No signs of party yet. Might be out till Thursday. We will be fixed out if grub holds out. Going very heavy. We are giving Clairmont a great chase. Will advise when reach track. Had to hire Indians to take this out and get more grub."

Snowstorm Adds to Danger.

A swirling snowstorm today obscured the trail over which the balloonists are expected to come. The snow started last night.

Unless it abates soon the progress of the dog team will be hampered, according to experts. The Americans now have been on the trail thirteen days if they left on the schedule arranged when George McLeod, Indian runner, started from Moose Factory with first word that the men were safe.

No Fear for Party's Safety.

No mixings are felt by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Capt. T. T. Craven, Chief of the Navy Air Service, as to the ability of the once lost balloonist party en route to Mattice or Cochrane, or point in civilization, to come safely out of the Canadian wilds. It was intimated here yesterday.

Secretary Daniels denied that a board of inquiry had been ordered to investigate the flight.

When the three lieutenants return to the Rockaway air station, they will be asked to submit a report to the commandant, Daniels said. If this report indicates that there is any need for an inquiry, court will be ordered, Daniels added, but he said no action in that direction was being contemplated at present.

Sensor King Makes Inquiry.

Senator King, Utah, yesterday asked the Navy Department for information about the conditions under which the three balloonists began their flight, and for what purpose it was made. King stated that if the Navy Department's reply to his inquiry seems to him to require it, he will introduce in the Senate resolution for an investigation of the flight.

"My inquiry does not imply a criticism of the Navy Department nor of the officers who ordered the flight of the three balloonists," he said. "I simply wish information, because I have no very clear information as to the reasons for making the flight at the time it was made. I wish to clear up any misunderstandings that may exist."

King is a member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

Capt. Thomas T. Craven, chief of the naval air service, said that lack of meteorological data may have been responsible for the plight of the party.

Borah's Novel Scheme to Cut Army Forces

An appropriation of \$600,000 to erect government hospitals for the care of disabled veterans of the world war will be asked in an amendment to the sundry civil bill by Senator Borah, of Idaho, when the Senate begins the consideration of the measure.

Announcement of his intention to submit the amendment was made by Senator King yesterday after he had joined with Senator Newberry, Republican, on the floor of the Senate in urging the passage of the latter's resolution to reduce the enlisted personnel of the army to 175,000.

The only objection offered by Senator King was that it did not go far enough. A reduction to 150,000, he said, should be made at once.

"Enough money can be saved by this reduction to furnish the funds that are needed to build hospitals," Senator King asserted.

In the course of the debate on the New resolution Senator Borah, of Idaho, Republican, offered an amendment directing the discharge of an enlisted man on his own request. This, he said, would work for a speedy reduction of the army.

The proposal evoked a sharp colloquy between Senator New and Senator Borah.

Canadians Want Wheat Pool.

At the sessions of the United Farmers of Alberta, at Medicine Hat, H. W. Wood, the president, announced that a cereal selling agency for the disposal of wheat was being established in western Canada. Every farmer present went on record as favoring this system, which means the pooling of sales and of profits. The one condition is that the farmer sign an irrevocable contract extending over a term of years to remain in the pool. This is the system followed in California and Oregon.